

Matthew Arnold himself would persuade me to read it. I delight in the saga of King Olaf and Othere and Belisarius, and Simon Danz, and the Mystery of the Sea; and I don't care for Evangeline or any of Longfellow's plays; and I cannot give any reasoned-out explanations in either easel"

Roosevelt's cordial and appreciative relations with his publishers are shown in these letters to the chief of them:

October 5, 1901.

My dear Mr. Scribner:

I want to thank you for the way you have managed the articles. I have appreciated it, and any hunting trips I do in the future will be written for you. You may be amused to know that in two different publications during the next year articles that I wrote, in one case this year, in one case five years ago, will appear, and I have instructed the people that they must behave exactly as you have behaved. Of course, these articles do not appear in magazines, but in

books!

Faithfully yours,

THEODORE

ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Charles Scribner.

January 24,
1915.

Seriously, I want to say that I have never appreciated anything more than your willingness to go into the publication of the African Game Animals. It was characteristic of you and your firm and was a really disinterested bit of scientific service. I knew I would never get any payment for the labor I had put into the thing, but I was not at all sure that you would be willing to invest

capital in some-
thing that represented non-remunerative
labor—which is
very desirable from the standpoint of the
community as a
whole but which does not amount to very much
from the
standpoint of the individual laboring. I am
very glad to
be connected with your firm; and proud.

Faithfully yours,

THEODORE
ROOSEVELT,

Charles Scribner, Esq.